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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Paper dated February 15, 2002 in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- \boxtimes Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Notice.
- \boxtimes Amendment is enclosed.
- X Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and 20 documents are enclosed.
- \boxtimes A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee is enclosed.
- \boxtimes The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - \boxtimes Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - The specification cannot be scanned or properly stored. Page(s)
 - o 1-28 do not comply with the size requirements (8 ½ by 11 inches or 21.0 by 29.7 cm). The drawings filed are unacceptable because:
 - Replacement page(s), together with a statement that the replacement page(s) contain no new matter, are required.

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